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SUBJ: CCMS: COASTAL WATER POLLUTION - NORTH SEA MODELLING PRO-
JECT - EXPERTS MEETING IN OSTEND, BELGIUM,
JUNE 9-13, 1975

REF: A. USNATO 2171; B. USNATO 892; C. USNATO 4805;
(SEPT. 6, 1974)

SUMMARY: IN ORDER FACILITATE USG PREPARATIONS, MISSION HAS
OBTAINED FURTHER DETAILS ON FORTHCOMING BELGIAN GOVT-SPONSORED
MEETING IN OSTEND, JUNE 9-13 ON CCMS COASTAL WATER POLLUTION
PILOT STUDY, PLUS CLEARER IDEA OF PARTICULAR CONTRIBUTIONS
BELGIANS HOPE FOR ON PART U.S. PARTICIPANTS. SEE BELOW.
END SUMMARY.

1. JUNE 9-13 MEETING IS DECISIVE PHASE OF MAJOR BELGIAN VOT
INITIATIVE IN CCMS AND WILL DETERMINE IN LARGE PART THE NATURE
AND QUALITY OF OUTCOME OF THE COASTAL WATER POLLUTION PILOT
STUDY. BELGIAN GOVT ORGANIZERS OF MEETING EXPECT GOOD TURNOUT
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FROM NATIONS COOPERATING WITH THEM IN NORTH SEA MODELLING
ACTIVITY (FRANCE, FRG, NETHERLANDS, AND UK), PLUS ATTENDEES
FROM PORTUGAL, DENMARK, SWEDEN, AND ESPECIALLY CANADA (WHICH
IS CO-CHAIRING CONFERENCE). BELGIANS ALSO COUNTING ON SUBSTAN-

TIAL U.S. EXPERT PARTICIPATION AND SUBMISSION OF PAPERS. THEY ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN OBTAINING U.S. CONTRIBUTION ON MANAGEMENT OF COASTAL WATER REGION FROM STANDPOINT OF WATER QUALITY; THEY WOULD WELCOME BENEFIT OF EPA EXPERIENCE AND STUDIES IN FIELD AS WELL AS RESULTS FROM APPLICATION OF MATHEMATICAL MODELS IN NEW YORK BIGHT BY NOAA AND, AS THEY UNDERSTAND, IN OTHER COASTAL WATER AREAS BY USCG. ANOTHER FIELD IN WHICH THEY WOULD STRONGLY WELCOME A GOOD, CONSOLIDATED U.S. PAPER IS THE EFFECTS OF OIL IN SEA WATER--A TOPIC ON WHICH PORTUGAL IS EXPECTED TO REPORT, AS MAY CANADA, BUT WHICH BELGIANS BELIEVE WILL WARRANT FULLER TREATMENT. MATERIAL ON OTHER TOPICS WOULD ALSO BE MUCH APPRECIATED (CANADA HAS ALREADY SUBMITTED SEVEN PAPERS SO FAR), BUT IT IS ON THESE TWO TOPICS THAT THE U.S. COULD BE MOST HELPFUL IN REINFORCING THE SCIENTIFIC BASE ON WHICH THE PRACTICAL POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CCMS, TO BE DEVELOPED LATER IN THE MEETING, MUST REST. MISSION BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT THAT U.S. INDEED BE WELL REPRESENTED AT MEETING AND WE HOPE US WILL BE ABLE PROVIDE WRITTEN CONTRIBUTIONS ALONG LINES INDICATED ABOVE.

2. WE SUGGEST INTERESTED USG OFFICIALS CONTACT MEETING CO-CHAIRMAN DR. NEIL CAMPBELL, CANADA'S CHIEF OCEANOGRAPHER, IN OTTAWA TO GAIN MORE COMPLETE GRASP OF SCOPE AND CHARACTER OF CONFERENCE, SO AS TO TAILOR U.S. CONTRIBUTION ACCORDINGLY. CAMPBELL'S ASSISTANT, MR. BRADFORD, IS ALSO IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH RENSON AND OTHERS HERE IN BRUSSELS ON MEETING PREPARATIONS AND WILL COME HERE FOR TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO MEETING TO ASSIST IN FINAL STAGES.

3. FOLLOWING DETAILS ON MEETING ARE PROVIDED IN LETTER, ADVANCE COPY OF WHICH WE HAVE JUST OBTAINED FROM RENSON, TO MEETING PARTICIPANTS FROM MR. A. STENMANS, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SERVICE OF PROGRAMMATION OF SCIENCE POLICY, OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER. LETTER REITERATES ORIGINAL INVITATION'S POINT THAT MEETING WILL FOCUS ON THE "CONTINENTAL SEA" AND WILL DEAL WITH THE WAULITATIVE MANAGEMENT OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT IN THESE WATERS, NOT REPEAT NOT WITH THE EXPLOITATION OF THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SEABED. ON-SHORE COASTAL ZONES, AS WELL AS ESTUARIES AND OTHER INFLOWS, WILL BE CONSIDERED ONLY INsofar AS THEY ARE SHOWN TO HAVE AN IMPORTANT BEARING ON THE MANAGEMENT OF CONTINENTAL SEA WATERS. MANAGEMENT OF (ON SHORE) COASTAL ZONES THEMSELVES, WILL NOT BE TAKEN UP.

A. CHAIRMANSHIP. MEETING CHAIRMAN WILL BE MR. STENMANS (ABOVE), WHO IS ALSO CHAIRMAN OF BELGIUM'S COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE NATIONAL R& D PROGRAM ON WATER. CO-CHAIRMAN WILL BE DR. NEIL J. CAMPBELL, DIRECTOR OF OCEANOGRAPHY, CANADA.

B. OBJECT OF MEETING. OBJECT WILL BE TO ESTABLISH STATE OF SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE IN FIELD, WHICH WILL THEN PROVIDE BASIS FOR ELABORATING RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CCMS COASTAL WATER POLLUTION PILOT STUDY. THE PILOT STUDY IS IN-

TENDED TO LEAD TO DEVELOPMENT OF AN OPERATIONAL SYSTEM FOR
MANAGEMENT OF CONTINENTAL SEA WATERS. AS THE POLICY RE-
COMMENDATIONS FOR CCMS MUST BE DERIVED FROM THE SCIENTIFIC WORK
IN THIS CASE, TO THAT END IT IS IMPORTANT TO IDENTIFY CLEARLY
--WITH RESPECT TO THE MANAGEMENT INSTRUMENT REPRESENTED BY
THE MATHEMATICAL MODEL--NOT ONLY THE POSITIVE RESULTS TO BE
EXPECTED, BUT ALSO ITS LIMITATIONS, AND TO DETERMINE THE
IMPLICATIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT METHODOLOGY INVOLVED.

C. DOCUMENTS. PAPERS WHICH REACH THE BELGIAN MEETING OR-
GANIZERS BY MAY 1 WILL BE DISTRIBUTED BY THEM TO ALL CONCERNED.
AFTER THAT DATE, MEETING PARTICIPANTS MUST ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY
FOR DISTRIBUTION OF ANY FURTHER DOCUMENTATION THEY CONTRIBUTE.
REPORTS WHICH WILL BE BASIS OF A SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATION TO THE
MEETING MUST REACH BELGIAN MEETING ORGANIZERS BY BEGINNING OF
MAY FOR REVIEW BY SELECTION COMMITTEE. DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED
BUT NOT ULTIMATELY SELECTED FOR ACTUAL PRESENTATION TO MEETING
WILL NONETHELESS BE PUBLISHED AS PART OF OVERALL MEETING DO-
CUMENTATION.

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D. SCHEDULE.

MONDAY, JUNE 9

9 - 10 A.M. RECEPTION AND REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS.

10 - 10:30 OFFICIAL OPENING OF MEETING BY CHAIRMAN,

MR. STENMANS

10:30 - 10:45 COFFEE BREAK

10:45 - 11:45 SCIENTIFIC STATEMENT BY BELGIAN DELEGATION

11:45 - 12:00 DISCUSSION

2:00 - 2:45 P.M. SCIENTIFIC STATEMENT

2:45 - 3.00 DISCUSSION

3:00 - 3:30 COFFEE BREAK
3:30 - 4:15 SCIENTIFIC STATEMENT
4:15 - 4:30 DISCUSSION
TUESDAY, JUNE 10
9:30 - 10:15 A.M. SCIENTIFIC STATEMENT
10:15 - 10:30 DISCUSSION
10:30 - 10:45 COFFEE BREAK
10:45 - 11:30 SCIENTIFIC STATEMENT
11:30 - 11:45 DISCUSSION
2:00 - 2:45 P.M. SCIENTIFIC STATEMENT
2:45 - 3:00 DISCUSSION
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3:00 - 3:30 COFFEE BREAK
3:30 - 4:15 SCIENTIFIC STATEMENT
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11
9:30 - 12:00 FORMATION OF THREE GROUPS FOR GLOBAL DISCUSSION
AND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS
2:00 - 4:00 P.M. SCIENTIFIC CONCLUSIONS
THURSDAY, JUNE 12
9:30 - 12:00 SPECIAL SESSION OF GOVERNMENTAL DELEGATES FOR
ELABORATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
2:00 - 4:00 P.M. RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
FRIDAY, JUNE 13
9:30 - 12:00 RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (CONT'D)
2:00 - 3:00 P.M. GENERAL CONCLUSIONS
E. SCIENTIFIC PART OF MEETING. SCIENTIFIC PART OF MEETING WILL BE FINISHED ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, AT 4 P.M. ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JUNE 12 AND 13, SCIENTIFIC EXPERTS WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITY, IF THEY WISH, TO VISIT DIFFERENT BELGIAN CENTERS WHICH HAVE WORKED IN CONDUCT OF NORTH SEA MATHEMATICAL MODELLING PROJECT. THESE INCLUDE: DATA ACQUISITION CENTER OF OSTEND; MODEL AND SIMULATION CENTER OF LIEGE; OR ANY OTHER CENTER ON REQUEST. DETAILS OF THESE VISITS WILL BE SETTLED ON MONDAY, JUNE 9 DURING REGISTRATION OR DURING THAT DAY'S SESSION.
F. POLICY PART OF MEETING. SECOND PART OF MEETING IS RESERVED FOR THE GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS WHO MAY BE ASSISTED BY ONE OR TWO SCIENTIFIC EXPERTS IF THEY WISH. IT IS DESIRABLE THAT GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS PARTICIPATE IN EARLIER SCIENTIFIC PART OF MEETING IN ORDER TO BE FAMILIAR WITH SCIENTIFIC DATA AND RESULTS ON WHICH ELABORATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE BASED.
G. PRESS COMMUNIQUE. NO PRESS RELEASE IS ENVISAGED ON RESULTS OF THE MEETING, AS THE RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS MUST STILL AWAIT CONSIDERATION BY CCMS AT ITS FALL 1975 PLENARY MEETING (OCTOBER 14-15).
H. ORGANIZATION OF STAY. MEETING WILL BE HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM OF HOTEL MELINDA IN OSTEND. TENTATIVE ROOM RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR MEETING ATTENDEES AT SAME HOTEL. ROOM RATES, AT ATTENDEES' OWN EXPENSE, ARE AS FOLLOWS (INCLUDING BREAKFAST):

SINGLE WITH BATH - 590 BF (APPROX DOLLARS 16.75) PER DAY
DOUBLE WITH BATH - 950 BF (APPROX DOLLARS 26.70) PER DAY
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(ONE DOLLAR EQUALS 36 BF)
LUNCH CAN BE OBTAINED AT HOTEL FOR APPROX 350 BF (DOLLARS 9.75).
FOREGOING PRICES INCLUDE SERVICE AND TAXES. REGISTRATION
FORMS (INCLUDED WITH STENMANS LETTER) SHOULD BE SENT IN ASAP AS
MEETING TAKES PLACE AT HEIGHT OF TOURIST SEASON IN OSTEND WHICH
IS SEASIDE RESORT. OSTEND IS LOCATED ABOUT 60 MILES FROM
BRUSSELS AND MAY BE REACHED BY TRAIN FROM BRUSSELS NATIONAL
AIRPORT (VIA CONNECTION TO BRUSSELS CENTRAL STATION) OR BY CAR
VIA BRUSSELS-OSTEND AUTOROUTE.

I. ALL CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING MEETING SHOULD BE ADDRESSED
TO:

MR. A. STENMANS
SECRETARY GENERAL
SERVICES OF PROGRAMMATION OF SCIENTIFIC POLICY
RUE DE LA SCIENCE 8
1040 BRUSSELS, BELGIUM
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